

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled herein without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Claim 8 was previously cancelled. Claims 1-7 and 9 are pending in the present application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-7 and 9 have been allowed. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in this application.

Amendments to the Specification

In response to the Examiner's discussion about Priority on pages 2-4 of the Office Action, the specification has been amended to add a Cross Reference to Related Application paragraph immediately after the Title. No new matter has been added.

Defective Oath/Declaration

In response to the Examiner's statement that the Oath/Declaration is defective, an English-language Declaration is attached at the end of this paper. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge Applicant's claim for priority in the next office action.

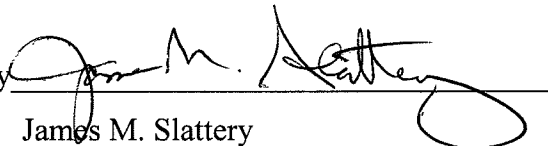
CONCLUSION


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Carl T. Thomsen Reg. No. 50,786, at 703-208-4030 (direct line) to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachments: English-Language Oath/Declaration
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